



Beaver Valley Probus Club

The Grapevine for September 2019

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Current Activities

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(Details)

- Book Club Chapter One
- Book Club Chapter Two
- Book Club Chapter Three
- Book Club Chapter Four
- Book and DVD Exchange
- Canoeing and Kayaking
- Computer Group
- Cue Sports
- Cycling
 - Recreational Cycling
 - Explorators Cycling
 - Saturday Social Cruisers
 - Backroads Cycling
 - Country Cruisers
- Digital Photography
- Dining
 - Casual Dining
 - Dining Around Town
 - Dining with Flair
 - R.O.M.E.O.
 - Singles Gourmet
- Euchre
- Euchre 2
- Hiking
- Marsh Street Artists
- Nordic Pole Walking
- Paddleboarding
- Pottery
- Scrabble
- Ski Legends
- Snowshoeing
- Stitch & Bitch Crafts
- Support Group
- Travel
- Wood Carving

Activity groups are self sustained.
Participate – Volunteer
But above all - have fun and enjoy!

"Please be advised that all events and activities of the Beaver Valley Probus Club are organized for the benefit and enjoyment of its Members. Individuals who participate do so at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety".

President's Message

Marion Stewart



Summer for me is supercharge time – a time to review and reflect. It is also a time to concentrate on my golf score, go for bike rides, and attend outdoor concerts. Now that September has arrived, we are back into creating again and taking on new projects and new adventures.

There are new openings for those who would like to stimulate their creative juices, and at the same time,

enjoy great friendships. We are looking for someone who would like to work with others on the Board – get to know what the Secretary does, suggest new ideas for activities and share thoughts on new events we can take on. Become a Director at Large – view the whole picture of where you see yourself on the team before committing your time and expertise to a specific project. Your Club is only as good as those who participate – take on a small project and see where it goes.

I am always available for a chat about Probus and what it has meant to me (and other long time members) over the years. Lasting friendships develop over time and we have a unique opportunity here at Probus.

On a different note – we find ourselves wanting to do more for the environment. The news of melting glaciers and tundra fires is concerning, however we cannot make a direct impact by ourselves. We can however, use our own cups for coffee rather than disposable ones, think before making paper copies of documents, and drive more slowly. I am sure you have other ideas on how we can contribute to change as well.

Please make sure you take advantage of your Beaver Valley Probus membership. Participate in the club's activities and events, and feel free to bring forward your great ideas for new ones!

Calendar of Events

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| 12 September, 2019 | Annual Mini-Putt Event |
| 24 September, 2019 | Monthly Probus Meeting |
| 10 October, 2019 | Theatre outing - Stratford |
| 17 October, 2019 | Ontario Steam Heritage Museum Tour |
| 24 October, 2019 | Fallicious Lunch at the Pottery |
| 5 November, 2019 | Royal Winter Agricultural Fair Trip |
| 10 December, 2019 | Christmas Lunch |

In memoriam

John Gillies, a member since 2002, passed away August 28th, 2019

In Memoriam

Catherine Korhonen, a member since 2008, passed away in June, 2019

In Memoriam

Penny White, a member since 2006, passed away in August, 2019

Activity Group Updates

Georgian Probus Travel Group: Travel with your peers....avoid the single cost...get to know new people...join our trips!

1. There are still a few spots left for the tour to the "Islands and Highlands of Scotland", 10-25 May 2020. For further info or to book please call Gloria at 705 429 9455.
2. Our informal survey showed great interest in a Russian River cruise or Portugal/Madeira program. Stay tuned. **Gloria Thompson**

Computer Group: The Computer Group has been meeting to learn about countermeasures to phishing attacks, best practices surrounding passwords, and an introduction to Google Apps. Even if you are not part of the group, you are welcome to go to its [web page](#) and follow along using self-guided slide decks. **Martin Buscher**

Recreational Cycling Group:We cycled the Tay Shore Trail in Midland, stopping for a pub lunch in Victoria Harbour! **Caroline Bacher**

Dining Around Town:

Welcome back from our summer break! We are ready to start up our monthly dinners with the first dinner scheduled for Wednesday September 11 at the beautiful Falls Inn & Spa (140 Front St) in Walter Falls – Buffet Style.

Cocktails at 5 pm (includes Cheese & Cracker Tray and Smoked Salmon & Shrimp Tray)

Dinner at 6 pm (you are allowed to bring your own wine but a \$10.00 corkage fee will apply)

Dinner cost is \$37.00 per person plus HST & gratuities (see menu below).

Our next dinner will be at The Iron Skillett in Collingwood, October 16. **Hank Bouwman**

Ski Legends:Welcome back after a wonderful summer. Even though we hung up our skis several months ago, the Ski Trip committee has been busy planning trips for 2020 and 2021. The Sun Peaks trip in February is already sold out but there are a few places remaining for the trip to Steamboat Colorado, February 2-9, 2020. If you are interested in the Steamboat trip, please visit Ski Legends website, www.probussskilegends.ca, for more information and the application form. Several people have asked about another trip to Europe which is in the planning stages for 2021. Other events are being planned and more information will follow:

1. Skiis and Biikes Wine and Cheese in December;
2. Welcome Back Breakfast in early January, 2020;
3. Ski days at the private clubs
4. Dinner Dance, date to be confirmed.

Please visit the website as the most complete and up-to-date information can be found there as well as the application form for Ski Legends. Application forms will also be available at Probus meetings. **Louise Armstrong**

Hiking: We've had some really great hikes this summer, and there are still lots more to come. Our most recent hike, in Silent Valley, was a particularly interesting one, with differing types of terrain and several points of interest, and of course.... great company. In the coming weeks we have a Falling Waters hike scheduled (Sept. 9), as well as hikes to Bognor Marsh (Sept. 18), Bayview Escarpment (Sept. 26) and Hogg's Falls (Oct. 2) and onward, assuming the weather holds. If you would like to be added to our email list, please just let us know at probusbhiking@outlook.com, and come on out and join us! **Cynthia Sampson**

Bocce @ The Picnic July 9 at Rice's Pond

A beautiful July day welcomed the Bocce teams for a 3pm start. Court conditions were good and competition was keen. The champions were:

1st place: Lou Fowler, Ward Fowler, Sharyl Peterson, George Peterson

2nd place: Tom Paech, Bev Johnston, Peter Edwards, Elske Edwards

3rd place: Pam Hawkins, Wayne Hawkins, Maggie Perkins, Bill Perkins

The role of the referee is a most important element in the continued success of the games. They make the day with court setup, cleanup and court management. Special thanks to referees: Dennis Knight, Terry Tarr, Terry Blackman and Peter Zahradnik. Bocce balls courtesy of Craig Wright, John Dick, and Ken Kelley. **Ken Kelley**

Shear Madness Another Drayton Festival Success

Our group was recognized from the stage at the King's Wharf Theatre on Aug 22, when 52 BVPC members enjoyed a performance of Shear Madness in Penetanguishene.

The weather co-operated and the setting by the water was inspiring. The ongoing laughter from the audience indicated that this show was a definite success. One member said she had never laughed so hard in a theatre and has recommended this show to her friends.

Unfortunately none of our members won the 50/50 draw. However, the group who shared dinner at the Boathouse Eatery in Midland was rewarded with good service, good food and a great view.

Check out the pictures on our website. **Vicki Kellar**

BVPC Annual Mini Putt Event

The 7th annual Mini Putt and Lunch event is set for **Thursday, September 12, 2019** at the Georgian Bay Hotel and Conference Centre. Play will begin at 11:00 AM, followed by a delicious Gustav Chophouse BBQ lunch (burgers, potato and garden salads) and presentation of prizes. Cost for this fun event is \$35.00/person (refreshments are extra). Spots are filling up fast. Contact **Rick Leclair** if you have any questions regarding this great event.

Our Speaker on September 24th: Manjusha Pawagi

Manjusha Pawagi was a journalist, children's author, and lawyer, before being appointed a family court judge in 2009.

She will delight us with her humour in speaking of her fight with leukemia and her search to find a stem cell match, as described in her book "Love and Laughter in the Time of Chemotherapy".

Ontario Steam Heritage Museum Tour

Join us for a tour of the Ontario Steam Heritage Museum on **Thursday October 17**. The Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, restoring and operating steam powered equipment and Steam Traction Engines. So come along with us, get on the bus for a country lunch in Morriston then an amazing tour and ride a Steam Traction Engine. The cost of the bus and lunch is \$49.65 per person (cheques only). Sign up with **Stella Zahradnik**.

Join us for a Fallicious lunch at The Pottery Restaurant

This event takes place on Thursday, October 24. We are naming it "**Mix and Chat**". As you enter the restaurant you will be given the number of your assigned table. We are hoping that this mingling will introduce you to new people at our club!

The lunch will be buffet style so more ability to "mix and chat" with others. The menu is a Naan and Noodle – Thai rice noodle salad with Bok Choy, Onions & Sesame dressing, Kachumber salad with cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, cilantro & lemon juice, minted potato salad with fresh mint, olive oil and lemon juice, crispy vegetable samosas with mango chutney, vegetable biryani, tender beef rendang with ginger, garlic & lemongrass braised in coconut milk, chef's special butter chicken finished in rich tomato butter sauce topped with Fenugreek leaves, platters of fresh sliced papaya, dark chocolate orange cake, Starbucks Premium coffee, tea and soft drinks all for \$35.85 per person which includes tax and gratuity. A sign-up sheet and tickets will be available at the meeting on Tuesday, September 24. Cheques only please. **Stella Zahradnik**

Probus Annual Golf Tournament

Our annual tournament was held at Shelburne June 17th. The results were as follows:

Two teams tied for first place with 2 under par: Mike Dougall, Alfons Loibl, Marge Allin, George Roenspiess, and Craig Wright, Vanda Kilpen, Ria Bardeau, Jim Giblin.

Second place with par, was also tied: Dave Allin, Candy Yeandle, Barry Kedwell, Vicki Kellar, and Terry Blackman, Herb Quickert, Carolyne Wedgbury, Bill Stratton.

Closest to the line was Bert Loopstra. Closest to the pylon on #13 was Terry Kellar, and closest to the pylon on #16 was Valya Orr

Closest to the hole on #9 for the ladies was Marge Allin. Closest to the hole on #18 for the men was John Dick.

Garry Lamont

Royal Winter Agricultural Fair, CNE Trip Tuesday Nov 5

Visit this fair which for almost 100 years has brought the best in agriculture, local food, and equestrian competition from across the country to the heart of Toronto. It is the largest combined indoor agricultural fair and international equestrian competition in the world. Wander the vendors' stalls, see horse jumping, meet cows, pigs, sheep and more. Expect a fun day of shopping, meeting the great farmers who grow our food and vegetables, etc. Sign up sheets will be at the back of the room at our Sept 24 meeting. The fee for senior admission and the bus is \$56.84. Cheques only please. **Stella Zahradnik**

The Master Gardener's Corner

*Things to do in your garden each month taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by **John Hethrington**, Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario. For more information, or your copy of the 11" x 17" calendar of the full year's tips for a \$1 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846.*

September 2019:

- Trim back perennials and divide them as needed. Make sure it is a cool, cloudy day to divide and replant.
- Fall is the ideal time to divide and plant Iris, Daylilies, Peonies and many other perennials. Share extra plants with neighbours.
- Buy and plant spring flowering bulbs. You will be rewarded next spring. Check out Botanus on line @ www.botanus.com. Add a little bone-meal fertilizer or special bulb food to the bottom of the planting hole. Water well after planting to start root growth.
- Fill in any gaps that may have developed in your garden with new perennials, shrubs and evergreens.
- Bring in house plants when the evenings start to cool down. First give them a thorough spray with insecticidal soap so that there are no unwanted hitchhikers coming into your home.
- With cool nights and hoped for fall rains, it's the ideal time for lawn repair. Dig out any weeds, add clean, weed-free topsoil and re-seed.
- Fertilize lawns with root building "Fall Fertilizer" with a low first number (nitrogen) and a high third number (potash).
- Don't use the lawn fertilizer you have left over from the spring, probably with a high first number (nitrogen). Save it for early next spring.
- It's been a dry summer, so water perennials, shrubs, evergreens and trees deeply. Dig a little test hole, say 14" deep. Check moisture levels. If the hole is dry, water all your plants weekly until frost.

50/50 Draw

Congratulations to Joanne Vivona and Cynthia Sampson, the winners at the June 25th meeting!

Book Exchange

Did you read any good books over the summer? If so bring one to the Book Exchange and exchange it for another good read. **Nancy Hart**

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Opportunities for you!

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Support Group

Do you know of a member who needs encouragement to get through a difficult period? Please do not hesitate to call on the following, or any of the management team:

September: Pam Weir

October: Carol Hethrington

Lynn Corrigan

The Last Word

Submitted by Past President Pat Wright

Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving.
Albert Einstein